

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-9 and 11-14 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 1, 5, and 9 have been amended. The Applicants submit that claims 1-9 and 11-14 are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. No new matter has been entered.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-9 and 11-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,493,702 issued to Adar et al. (hereinafter “Adar”) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0099784 to Tran.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejections because neither Adar, nor Tran, either alone or in combination, teach, suggest, or render obvious the elements recited in the Applicants’ claims.

Claims 1, 5, and 9 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, “providing authorized system users with access to said approved information in the central storage location via an input option at the user client system; *wherein the input option causes the web key tool to retrieve the information from the central storage location without opening a web browser application.*”

No new matter has been entered by these amendments. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the Applicants’ specification and drawings, and in particular, on page 7, lines 13-23, which states an “employee at one of client systems 114 or 130...launches the web key tool either by selecting a desktop icon or by keyboard selection.” In addition, page 8, lines 9-18 state “the user enters the information relating to the link...selects ‘submit’...[and approved] information is saved into the web key database and automatically updated for access by

employees.” Thus, the information is accessible by the client systems directly via the web key tool without any use of a web browser. The web key tool provides a user interface (see Figure 3) for entering user information with respect to the web site links. However, both of Adar and Tran do require opening up a web browser application before any ‘favorites’ may be accessed (see Tran, e.g., Figure 4 and paragraph [0017], which states “an application having web-browsing functionality may call the executable module via the API to obtain a list of bookmark information stored for a certain user in the server computer system;” see also Adar Figure 1, browser 122; Figures 3-6, browser bookmarks 210). Thus, as neither Adar nor Tran permit the information access without using a web browser (in contrast to the features recited in claims 1, 5, and 9), the Applicants submit that the references do not render obvious the Applicants’ claims 1, 5, and 9. For at least this reason, the Applicants submit that claims 1, 5, and 9 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Claims 2-4 and 13 depend from what should be an allowable base claim. Claims 6-8 and 14 depend from what should be an allowable base claim. Claims 11 and 12 depend from what should be an allowable base claim. For at least these reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 2-4, 6-8, and 11-14 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested. It is submitted that the foregoing amendments and remarks should render the case in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, as the cited references neither anticipate nor render obvious that which the Applicants deem to be the invention, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-9 and 11-14 be passed to issue.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,

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